

House Resolution 1861

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Crawford of the 127th, Smith of the 70th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Lewis of the 15th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor to continue his pursuit of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility
2 for Georgia and expressing the House's support of his efforts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a national research facility that could fight pandemics such as bird flu, combat
4 bioterrorism, and provide hundreds of high-paying jobs has been proposed on the national
5 level; and

6 WHEREAS, in these uncertain times of global terrorism, it is essential that our nation have
7 such a facility as part of the Department of Homeland Security; and

8 WHEREAS, the facility would bring 1,000 construction jobs, house 450 federal workers, and
9 have at least a \$3 billion economic impact on the region; and

10 WHEREAS, the location of this facility here would cement Georgia's role as a national and
11 world leader in this highly competitive field; and

12 WHEREAS, the new facility's responsibilities would include study of animal diseases foreign
13 to the United States, transmission of disease between animals and humans, vaccine
14 development, and safety of the American food supply.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body urge the Governor to continue his pursuit of the National Bio and
17 Agro-Defense Facility for Georgia and express their support of his efforts.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Governor and to each
20 member of the Georgia congressional delegation.